

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1075

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joanne Elizabeth Cates Deakins of Sulphur Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joanne Elizabeth Cates Deakins, an exemplary individual who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Newport on July 31, 1929, Mrs. Deakins was the youngest child born to Arthur Alexander and Lola Burke Cates; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Deakins was a seventy-four-year member of Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Upper Room and United Methodist Women; she was also active for many years in the Parent Teacher Association and the Home Demonstration Club; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her children, Linda Deakins (Lloyd) Sherfey, John B. (Teresa) Deakins, Jr., Deborah Deakins, and Mike Shelton; grandchildren, Allison Sherfey, Catherine Sherfey (Brian) Finnigin, Suzanne Deakins Quaintance, John Deakins III and his fiancée, Erin Johnson, and Helen Joanne (Stephen) Nemeth; great-grandchildren, Marcus Finnigin, Jacob Finnigin, Oliver Quaintance, Sam Quaintance, and Joseph Nemeth; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, John B. Deakins, Sr., she was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, and five brothers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Deakins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joanne Elizabeth Cates Deakins, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Deakins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.